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SUBJ: TRIAL OF CHITEPO ASSASSINS SURFACES IN ZAMBIAN PRESS

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1. BOTH SEPTEMBER 7 ZAMBIAN PAPERS CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF TESTIMONY GIVEN SEPTEMBER 6 IN THE TRIAL OF JOSEPH TONGOGARA, JOSEPH CHIMURENGA AND SADAT KUFA MAZUBA ACCUSED ASSASSINS OF FORMER ZANU LEADER, HERBERT CHITEPO (REF AIRGRAM). THIS WAS THE FIRST PUBLIC MENTION OF THIS HIGHLY POLITICAL TRIAL AND COINCIDED WITH EXTENSIVE REPORTING ON KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS AND REPORTS FROM DAR ON MEETING OF FIVE FRONT-LINE CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. CORNELIUS XQNYANGA, A MANYIKA, ONE-TIME ZANU COMMITTEE MAN AND CLOSE FRIEND OF CHITEPO TESTIFIED
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SEPTEMBER 6. REPORTED DETAILS OF HIS TESTIMONY

HEWED CLOSELY TO ASSASSINATION REPORT THESIS THAT
INTERNAL LEADERSHIP RIVALRIES, BASICALLY ROOTED IN
MANIYKA - KARANGA TRIBAL HOSTILITIES, RESULTED IN
CHITEPO'S DEATH.

3. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED COURT
PROCEEDINGS SURFACED BY CHANCE AT A TIME WHEN PAPERS
WERE DOMINATED BY THE REPORTED FAILURE OF "FRONT-LINE"
PRESIDENTS TO FORGE UNITY AMONG ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS.
THE ANTI-ZANU, ANTI-TONGOGARA SLANT OF THE PRESS ACCOUNTS
SUGGESTS THAT GRZ WISHED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT ITS
FAVORITE (JOSHUA NKOMO ANC/ZAPU) LOOKS GOOD WHEN COM-
PARED TO THE ANC/ZANU BEDEVILED BY BLOODY DIVISIONS
BASED ON TRIBALISM. LOW

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